

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 11, 12, and 14-22 have been canceled, and claims 4-6, 10, and 13 have been amended. The allowability of claim 13 is noted with appreciation. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the amendments above and the remarks below, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner withdrew claims 14-17 and 22. These claims have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claim 10 because of an informality which has been corrected.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Amendments have been made to a number of the claims so as to cure the indefiniteness.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fortier et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,209,898 in view of Wykhuis et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,580,811. The Examiner stated that claim 13 would be allowable is rewritten in independent form.

Claim 13 has been amended to be in independent form. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended so that claims 4-10 depend either directly or indirectly on claim 13.

In view of the above it is submitted that claims 4-10 and 13 are in a condition for allowance. Reexamination of the application is respectfully requested, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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